BCDB Addendum to
GDBBS Mentor Assignment Agreement

By signing the GDBBS Mentor Assignment Agreement, the student and mentor agree to abide by all rules and regulations as outlined in the Graduate School Handbook, the GDBBS Policy Manual, and the Program Guidelines; exceptions must be documented in writing. The purpose of this form is to highlight some of the expectations that the BCDB Program has for its students and their mentors, especially during their first year in the research lab. It does not imply that any rules and regulations not mentioned may be ignored.

This agreement is required to formalize all Mentor assignments in the BCDB Program. Both Mentor and Student should initial all lines to indicate that they have read and understand each of the requirements.

NOTE: Some students will have earlier deadlines, determined on an individual basis.

_____/_____ Student must assemble a thesis committee to oversee progress toward the PhD degree, no later than the end of Fall Term in Year 2.

_____/_____ Student must convene first committee meeting within eight months of passing the written qualifying exam (Part I). All meetings must be documented on a Thesis Committee Meeting Summary and Progress Report, which is turned in to the BCDB Office.

_____/_____ Mentor is expected to participate actively and provide extensive feedback to Student when Student is enrolled in the BCDB grants course, Hypothesis Design & Scientific Writing (IBS 522R).

_____/_____ Student must complete the oral qualifying exam (Part II) by June 1 of Year 2.

_____/_____ Committee meetings must be held at least every six months through the end of Year 5. In Year 6 and beyond, meetings must be held at least every four months. (Committee may opt to meet more often.)

Student Name _______________________________ Date ____________
Print or type
Signature

Mentor Name _______________________________ Date ____________
Print or type
Signature

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